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LOK SABHA

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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes being implemented for betterment and upHftment of tribals along with the financial assistance granted to these schemes during the last three years and the current year,State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) the number of tribals benefited thereby;

(c) whether Government has instituted any study to assess the impact of these schemes,and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements various Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes/Programmes for the socio-economic development of tribal people in the country. The details of these schemes are available in the Ministry`s Annual Report, 2008, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library, and also on the Ministry`s website (www.tribal.gov.in). The details of total funds released under these schemes to the States/ UTs during the last three years and the current year (upto 30.9.2008) are as under;

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Actual Expenditure
2005-06	1391.95
2006-07	1647.73
2007-08	1524.32
2008-09	871.88

(as on 30.9.2008)

The State-wise/UT-wise details of funds released during the last three years is being compiled and will be furnished.

(b): The schemes/ programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are implemented through the States/ UTs and the funds are released to State/ UT Governments who are required to ensure that the benefits of projects sanctioned under the schemes reach the beneficiaries. The data relating to the number of beneficiaries is not specifically maintained in the Ministry.

(c): Yes,Sir.

(d): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs got the following evaluation studies conducted to assess the impact of the schemes implemented by the Ministry on the lives of tribals:

(a) Evaluation of the scheme of `Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan` and `Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution` through Water and Power Consultancy Services Ltd., New Delhi (WAPCOS);

(b) Assessment of scheme of `Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes` through Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai;

(c) Evaluation of schemes of Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for development of Women Literacy, Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Area,Construction of Hostels for Scheduled Tribes Girls and Boys,Coaching and Allied for Scheduled Tribes, and Studies of Primitive Tribal Groups scheme and Studies on Vocational Training Centres scheme through Indian Social Institute, New Delhi;

(d) Evaluation of the scheme of `Development of Primitive Tribal Groups` and the scheme of `Vocational Training Centres (VTC) in Tribal Areas` through Indian Institute of Public Administration,New Delhi.